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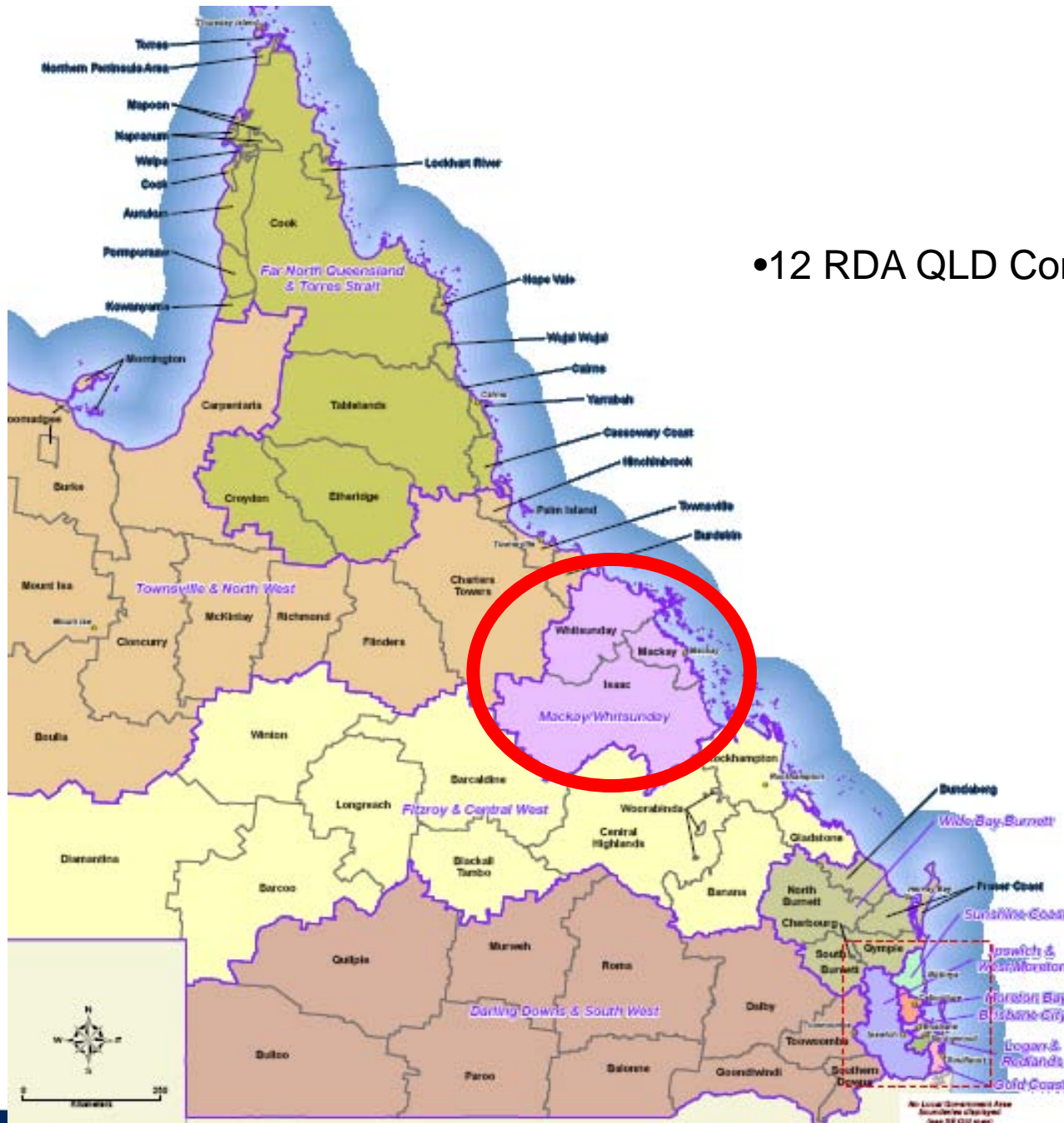
Mining and Community Research
Forum

June 2010

What is “RDA”?



- National network of Committees
- New partnership between the Australian, Queensland and local governments to grow and enhance the regions of Queensland
- Consistent national framework.
- Suite of common governance documents
- Charter to be based on:
 - Provide strategic advice and support.
 - Key focus is on social, economic and environmental issues.
 - Identify priorities, solutions and plan for action
 - Grow and develop regions.



•12 RDA QLD Committee's

Committee makeup:-



- Darren Woodward (Chair)
- Joy Deguara (Deputy chair)
- Cr Ann Crawford – Isaac Regional Council
- Cr Mark Gaudry – Whitsunday Regional Council
- Cr Darryl Camilleri – Mackay Regional Council
- Andrew Woodley
- Quinton Hildebrand
- Rob Cocco
- Narelle Pearse

- Rebecca Andrews CEO

Roles and Responsibilities



Consult and Engage with the Community

- identify needs, priorities and solutions
- use existing government programs and services
- participate in community discussions, debates and forums

Informed Regional Planning

- work with state and territory governments, local governments and regional stakeholders
- detailed understanding of social, economic and environmental factors affecting the region, including emerging issues

Roles and Responsibilities



- Whole of Government Activities
 - First point of contact for Government agencies
 - first-stop-shop for advice on programs and services
 - regional perspective to national and state agendas
 - third party contracts for other agencies
- Promotion of Government Programs
 - bring stakeholders together to apply for program funding
 - grant writing workshops
- Community and Economic Development
 - grow, develop and increase resilience
 - investment attraction, job creation, skills development, social inclusion, environmental solutions

Queensland Focus

- Develop close working relationships with regional councils.
- Strategic advice to Australian and Queensland governments.
- Support strengthening communities – particularly regional employment and economic development.
- Focus on regional development priorities and issues

Work Program

- **Deliverables**
 - RDA Regional Roadmap
 - Annual Business Plan
 - Half yearly report on Outcomes
 - Annual Report on Outcomes
 - Budget
- **Business Plan**
 - Operational Document
 - Work program, priorities and resources

Regional Roadmap

- Articulates the economic, environmental and social vision for the region
 - Takes into account regional issues and priorities
 - Supports investment attraction
 - Encourages growth and development in local communities
 - Keeps community informed about RDA priorities
- Plan for the Region including 4 key elements
 - Overview of the Region
 - Regional Issues and Priorities
 - Economic Development and Job Creation
 - Review

Roadmap Progress to Date

- RDAMW developed staged process for development
- Stage One – desktop audit all plans, policies and programs
- Stage Two – what is the story
- Stage Three – test the research (consultation)
- Stage Four – draft roadmap
- Stage Five – final review before adoption

- Currently undertaking Stage One and Two

Next Steps

- Launch RDA later this month
- Consultation process begins, this includes:
 - Face to face meetings
 - Forums
 - Website
 - Local media
 - Promotion via community and economic groups
 - Direct with key regional stakeholders



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Thanks for your time

Any Questions?